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Re: 3/13/12 Agenda 2. S.B. No. 352 RAISED AN ACT CREATING A PROCESS FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS TO COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN WITH THE STATE.

I am a CT Licensed child care provider for over 25 years. I have taken great pride in providing quality affordable childcare to over 55 children in my career span so far. I am a self-employed person without any employees. Yet, I'm told that I am supposed to join a union. Governor Malloy has unconstitutionally taken it upon himself to make an executive order no 9.

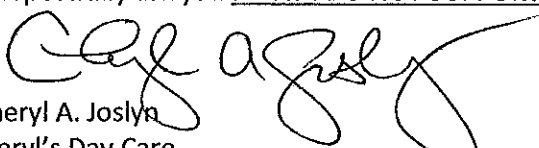
I feel that all of you, whether it was done consciously or not, each had a hand in helping our governor take away Child care provider's rights in choosing what is best for them and myself. I am personally upset that I had no say in what is happening. Today I voice my concerns for something that, I feel is wrong on many levels.

With a Union, I will be forced to pay dues for services I don't need or want. I do not have Care 4 Kids as clients and because of this; I will probably never accept them. Who will this hurt in the long run? Quality Childcare providers like me, Families who already are struggling to make ends meet and most of all the children in our care. These Union fees we will have to pay will end up being filtered down to the already struggling families. This is a lose-lose proposition.

I don't understand how a union would ever be considered a good thing...

I am NOT in support of the Union.

I respectfully ask you PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL!



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